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Socialist urges support for lawsuit against CIA

A Mexican socialist seeking political asylum in the United States was in Tucson yesterday to bring attention to a \$40 million federal court lawsuit that would put three government spy agencies on trial.

Hector Marroquin, 28, spoke briefly at the El Rio Neighborhood Center as part of a drive throughout the Southwest to drum up support for the suit filed eight years ago in New York on behalf of the Socialist Workers Party and the Young Socialist Alliance.

The defendants include the Central Intelligence Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, Marroquin said. The agencies are accused in the suit of illegally spying, disrupting, and harassing Socialist groups in this country, he said.

Marroquin, who now lives in New York, came to the United States in 1974 as an undocumented worker after the Mexican government accused him of murder, assault, terrorism and subversion. He claims the charges are false, and were made because he is a political dissident.

Claiming that "torture is a standard practice in Mexico," Marroquin said he fears for his life if forced to return to his homeland and stand trial on the charges.

He said he was arrested by the INS authorities in 1977 for having false documents and falsely claiming to be a U.S. citizen. He served three months in prison on the charges, he said.

A federal judge's decision to deny him asylum, he said, is on appeal.